

THE COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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LAKE OLMSTEAD PARK

2200 BROAD STREET

In the 1936 annual report by the Mayor of Augusta, Mayor Richard E. Allen, Jr. writes **"Julian Smith Park beautification and planting has been completed and the Casino of wood and stone is practically ready to be turned over to the public for its use and enjoyments. In the spring of the year, the citizens of Augusta I believe will have one of the prettiest parks in this section of the country in the Julian Smith Park."**

The same still holds true today, the City of Augusta has a beautiful site at Lake Olmstead Park which includes the Julian Smith Casino and the Julian Smith Barbeque Pit in addition to a Gazebo. Lake Olmsted holds a certain amount of mystery—it has been said that the lake does not have a bottom. The lake was not intended nor was it planned—it is merely a result of the enlargement of the Augusta Canal, which was built to pull Augusta out of an economical decline and to keep pace with other Southern cities. The area was actually named after



the engineer, Charles A. Olmstead, who arrived in Augusta in 1871 and after several weeks of study announced how he thought the project could be completed and the canal could be enlarged from nine feet to eleven in depth.

Over the years the area at Lake Olmstead has greatly improved to serve the citizens of the area. One of the first things at the park was a one-story covered dance pavilion. The Casino and Barbeque Pit were named in honor of Mayor Julian M. Smith. He served as Mayor from 1922–1925.

In the 1945 Annual report for the city, it was reported that both facilities had 120

reservations for the year. Both buildings are now used as rental facilities and in 2004 the facilities had 378 reservations. They are rented for family reunions, weddings, public meetings as well as political functions. In the past, the Recreation and Parks Department has hosted a number of programs which included dance classes, day camps to doll shows for the youth and festivals and dances for adults. In addition to facilities there is the lake, which has been known as the "people's lake" - the area around the lake is used for picnics, disc golf, as well as fishing and boating. As the mayor stated in 1936, Lake Olmstead Park is one of the prettiest parks in this section of the country.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

TOM F. BECK, JR.

The recently completed phase of the Lake Olmstead Park Master Plan is even more evidence of the continuation of quality park improvements as a result of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST).

The renovations to Julian Smith Casino, which includes a new interior lighting system, window replacement, sound system upgrades, carpeting and painting, have already been well received by our customers. Also, the landscape improvements made to the rear of the Casino, including an amphitheater with beautiful views of the lake, make the leisure experience at the park more enjoyable and customer friendly.

Stop by and see the results of our progress!



Julian Smith Casino



JULIAN SMITH CASINO
ERECTED 1936
WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION
DRUMMOND AND DRUMMOND ARCHITECTS



Julian Smith Barbeque Pit



Lake Olmstead Park Gazebo

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 1	OCTOBERFEST	AUGUSTA COMMON
OCTOBER 1	FOOTBALL JAMBOREE	FLEMING COMPLEX
OCTOBER 21-22	GHSA SECTIONALS	DIAMOND LAKES
OCTOBER 27	TIME TO SCARE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL	BERNIE WARD
NOVEMBER 1	ADULT BASKETBALL REGISTRATION BEGINS	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
NOVEMBER 7	YOUTH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION BEGINS	ATHLETIC CENTERS
NOVEMBER 22	SENIOR ADULT THANKSGIVING	JULIAN SMITH CASINO
NOVEMBER 22	FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS	AUGUSTA COMMON
DECEMBER 3	CHRISTMAS IN THE COMMON	AUGUSTA COMMON
DECEMBER 7	SENIOR ADULT HOLIDAY BINGO	JULIAN SMITH CASINO

Augusta Recreation and Parks - Always Where The Fun IS

Commitment and Service to the Community



Augusta Recreation and Parks Staff
Over 1035 years of service

Facts About Recreation and Parks

Number of Employees 116 Full Time
 165 Part Time

Divisions

Administrative, Athletics, Aquatics
Golf Course, Marketing, Operations,
Senior Services, Special Events
Planning and Development

2005 Operating Budget \$7.6 M

Fact: 64 Park Sites
 1000 Acres of Park Land

DID YOU EVER WANT TO BELLY DANCE

If you ever wanted to learn to Belly Dance or if you have the desire to learn Middle Eastern Dance or Tribal Dance—we have a class for you. The classes are taught by certified instructors and are held at the Warren Road Community Center on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced classes are taught for only \$5.00 per class. For more information contact Warren Road Community Center at 860-2833.



DO YOU KNOW? TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT RECREATION & PARKS .

- 1) How many Indoor Pools are operated by the department?
- 2) How much does it cost to participate in the Augusta Boxing Club program?
- 3) Are there any fishing ponds operated by the department? If so how many?
- 4) What is the leading cause of playground injuries?
- 5) Does the department have any ceramic and craft centers?
- 6) What types of programs are offered for Senior Adults?
- 7) How many volunteers work with the department?
- 8) How many outdoor basketball courts are maintained by the department?
- 9) How many picnic area are maintained by recreation?
- 10) How many walking tracks are operated by the department?

(Answers on back page)

MISSION STATEMENT To plan, organize and implement quality leisure activities in safe and enjoyable parks and facilities desired by the citizens of all ages in Augusta, Georgia.

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Cindy Poss, Owner



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 Lynda R. Hand,
 Marketing Coordinator

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 of
 Augusta - Richmond County*

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A Great Way To Advertise Your Business



You Can Make A Difference

For more information on all of recreation facilities and activities - Visit our website at www.augustaga.gov to find out more about your Augusta Recreation and Parks Department. There you can find our Calendar of Events for the year, the Annual Report and much, much more things to do in your community.

Trivia Test Answers: (1) 2 (2) nothing under the age of 16 (3) yes, 4 (4) falls (5) yes, 2
 (6) crafts, wellness programs, nutrition sites, line dancing and much more
 (7) thousands (8) 20 (9) 37 (10) 14

Augusta Commission recommended SPLOST V Recreation and Parks Projects
Ron Houck, Planning and Development Manager

Dyess Park - \$70,000 Lake Olmstead Park - \$230,000 Lake Olmstead Stadium - \$400,000 Lock & Dam Park - \$55,000 Augusta Marina - \$75,000 May Park - \$75,000 Old Government House - \$50,000 The Boathouse - \$100,000 Apple Valley - \$350,000 Doughty Park - \$30,000 Fleming Park - \$75,000 Fleming Tennis Center - \$125,000	W. T. Johnson Park - \$75,000 Hickman Park - \$30,000 M.M. Scott Park - \$300,000 Soccer Complex - \$200,000 Diamond Lakes Park - \$800,000 Jamestown Park - \$150,000 McDuffie Woods Park - \$100,000 Augusta Aquatics Center - \$100,000 H.H. Brigham Park - \$130,000 Meadowbrook Park - \$120,000 Newman Tennis Center - \$120,000 Wood Park - \$300,000	Valley Park - \$25,000 Boykin Road Park - \$30,000 Brookfield Park - \$50,000 Eisenhower Park - \$50,000 Warren Road Park - \$35,000 Blythe Community Park - \$200,000 Goshen/Brown Road Park - \$150,000 McBean Community Park - \$200,000 Land Acquisition - \$200,000 TOTAL - \$5,000,000
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Key To Success — Education

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandela